

FOREIGN PHARMACIST LICENSE IN KANSAS - Updated 10/09

A "foreign pharmacy graduate" is a pharmacist whose undergraduate pharmacy degree was conferred by a recognized school of pharmacy outside the 50 United States, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. US citizens who have completed their pharmacy education outside the US are considered to be "foreign pharmacy graduates" while foreign nationals who have graduated from schools in the US are not.

Foreign graduates must have a FPGEC Certification. If you graduated prior to January 1, 2003, you must have completed at least a four-year pharmacy curriculum at the time of graduation to be considered for the FPGEC. However, if you graduated on or after January 1, 2003, you must have completed at least a five-year pharmacy curriculum at the time of graduation. Coursework and internships completed after graduation will not be considered in determining the minimum required curriculum. Post-baccalaureate degrees will not be considered. **There are no exceptions.**

In order to provide the Kansas Board with an FPGEC Certification the foreign graduate must take and pass the Foreign Pharmacy Graduate Equivalency Examination (FPGEE). The minimum passing score is at least 75. Information regarding the FPGEE can be found on the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy web site at www.nabp.net under the link for "Examination Programs." The examination is administered twice each year. Information can be found on the FPGEC Application Bulletin.

The foreign applicant must also provide proof that the applicant has a reasonable ability to communicate with the general public in English. The applicant must pass the test of English as a foreign language (TOEFL) with a score of at least 570 and the test of spoken English (TSE) with a score of at least 50; or pass the internet-based TOEFL (iBT) with the following minimum scores

24 in writing
26 in speaking
18 in listening
21 in reading

Once the applicant has provided the Board with a copy of the FPGEC they must fill out an Intern application and obtain at least 1500 Intern hours.

License candidates then must fill out an application for licensure by examination. The application is on the Kansas Board of Pharmacy web site at www.kansas.gov/pharmacy under the link for Applications and Forms. Go to the link for Pharmacist Licensure Application and fill it out and provide a copy to the Board.

The application requires a \$50.00 check or money order made payable to the Board of Pharmacy. The application must be notarized. **You do not have to fill out the second page. The Board of Pharmacy does not require you to have your foreign school provide any information on the second page.**

To register for the Kansas MPJE or the NAPLEX go to the NABP web site at www.nabp.net to the link titled "Examination Programs". Sign up to take the NAPLEX and the MPJE for Kansas.

Kansas study materials can be found on the Kansas web site at www.kansas.gov/pharmacy under the link titled "Statutes and Regulations". You may prefer to purchase a Kansas Pharmacy law book and disk through the Kansas Pharmacists' Association at info@ksrx.org or phone them at (785) 228-2327. Study materials, other than the law book, may be purchased from Barb Woods at the University of Kansas School of Pharmacy. She can be contacted at (785) 864-5677 or at bwoods@ku.edu.

Once you have applied for the Kansas Edition of the MPJE and the NAPLEX you will receive an Authorization to Test (ATT) number from NABP. The ATT number is used to schedule your MPJE and NAPLEX with Pearson Vue. Pearson Vue locations and scheduling can be found on the NABP web site under the link for "Confirm or schedule a NAPLEX or MPJE appointment".

Results of the NAPLEX and MPJE examinations for candidates seeking licensure will be posted on the Kansas web site and provided to each new licensee as soon after the examinations as possible. Scores are listed according to the Candidate's Testing ID number, which is assigned by the NABP testing administrator. Candidates need to write down the ATT number as the ATT is retained by the testing center. Scores are released to the boards anywhere between two to ten business days from the date the candidate sat for the exam. Scores will not be given out over the phone. If you do not pass the MPJE you must wait a minimum of 30 days to retake the examination. If you do not pass the NAPLEX you must wait a minimum of 90 days to retake the examination. You must go to the NABP web site and sign up to retake those tests if you do not pass. The NABP web site has additional information in the Registration Bulletin.

If you have any questions regarding licensure by examination/score transfer contact the Board at their email address of pharmacy@pharmacy.ks.gov.

CHECKLIST FOR FOREIGN PHARMACIST LICENSE

1. Go to the NABP web site at www.nabp.net and sign up to take the FPGEE.

2. Go to the NABP web site at www.nabp.net and sign up to take the TOEFL and TSE or the TOEFL (iBT)
1. Go to the Board of Pharmacy web site at www.kansas.gov/pharmacy.
2. Go to the link for Applications/Forms.
3. Fill out an Intern application. Submit a copy of the FPGEC certification.
4. Keep track of your 1500 Intern hours and have them sent to the Board of Pharmacy.
5. Go to the Board of Pharmacy web site at www.kansas.gov/pharmacy and go to the link for "Applications and Forms."
6. Go to the link for "Individual Applications and Forms" and click on the link for "Pharmacist Licensure Application."
7. Attach a check or money order for \$50.00 made payable to the Kansas Board of Pharmacy.
8. Mail the Application by Examination to:
Kansas at Kansas Board of Pharmacy,
900 SW Jackson, Ste. 560
Topeka, Kansas 66612-1231.
Make sure you attach a check for \$50.00 made payable to the Kansas Board of Pharmacy. The application can be found on the Board web page at www.kansas.gov/pharmacy and it titled "License by Examination."
9. Make sure the application has been signed by a notary.
10. Sign up to take both the NAPLEX and MPJE at nabp.net
11. Go to the NABP web site at www.nabp.net
12. Go to the link for Multistate Pharmacy Jurisprudence Exam (MPJE)
13. Complete the application for Multistate Pharmacy Jurisprudence Exam (MPJE) for the state of Kansas.
14. On the NABP web site go to the link for NAPLEX.
15. Complete the application for NAPLEX
16. NABP will provide you with your ATT number.
17. Make sure your correct address and telephone number is on the application. If you

have moved you will need to turn your new address in to the Board of Pharmacy at pharmacy@pharmacy.ks.gov or via fax at (785) 296-8420. If you have changed your name make sure that you have changed it on your paperwork with the Board office.

You can check your MPJE and NAPLEX scores on the Board of Pharmacy web page. Go to the link for "NAPLEX & MPJE Scores". Once you go on the link you can find your test score using your TEST ID Number. Do not call the Board office. We cannot give scores over the phone. It takes a minimum of two days before we receive your test scores.

If you have any questions contact the Board of Pharmacy at pharmacy@pharmacy.ks.gov.